



MARY ROSE GARRIDO WILCOX SUPERVISOR DISTRICT 5

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Maricopa County Gets 'A' on Report Card

Maricopa County does 'A' work! Governing Magazine recently reviewed 40 of the nation's largest counties. Two of the counties were graded with an 'A-' overall, the highest score allotted and Maricopa County was one of them.

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ESTIMATED \$1.5 MILLION APPROVED FOR ARLINGTON SCHOOL PROJECT

Decision will prevent death, injury, property damage due to flooding

(PHOENIX, August 10)—Maricopa County will buy Arlington School, located at 16351 South Arlington School Road, in an effort to increase public safety and minimize flooding problems.

Before the implementation of federal, state, or local floodplain regulatory requirements, Arlington School was built entirely within the floodway of what is now the Gila River floodplain. After a fire demolished part of the building two years ago, Arlington School needed to rebuild. Since the Floodplain Regulation does not permit construction of any new buildings in the floodway, the school building could not be reconstructed.

The Flood Control District is protecting Arlington from rebuilding in the current location in order to prevent future water damage. The Arlington School Board plans to build a new school in an area that meets Floodplain Regulations. This will save the Arlington School District from physical damage and clean-up costs, in addition to preventing the dislocation of students, families, and school staff.

"Because Arlington School is susceptible to more flooding in its current site, they must rebuild in a safer area," Supervisor Mary Rose Wilcox said. "The County is assisting the school by picking up the tab and we are also very committed to working with the community to decide the best use for the old building."

The Flood Control District will acquire the school property at fair market value, estimated to be about \$1.5 million. Revised Statute Title 48, Chapter 21 requires the Flood Control District to regulate floodplains and authorizes the directors to acquire real and personal property and to take actions to eliminate or minimize flooding problems.

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